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Re: Bayard Rustin Educational Complex – 351 West 18th Street

Dear Mr. Sanchez & Captain Lanot,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) heard from Nick Fiore (Department of Education) the need for a play street during the school year to perform physical education classes.

In light of the community's strong opposition and many constructive suggestions, Mr. Fiore agreed to withdraw his application until he had time to explore new options and address existing concerns.

The campus has grown from 1,700 students five years ago to 2,200 students today and there are new requirements for middle school students in terms of physical education and breaks that are difficult to accommodate within the current facilities.

The community suggested that a partnership with either the school or park across the street would be preferable to closing the street. They also pointed out that the school on 21st Street has a play street and it would make sense to consult with its principal for best practices. In particular, the presence of the Callen Lorde clinic on this block warrants an

examination of City regulations regarding vehicular access for residents and other businesses of the street during the closure hours, particularly for emergencies.

The residents also complained of the poor relations the seven schools have with the community: trash, noise and fistfights seem to be frequent occurrences that the schools have not addressed properly.

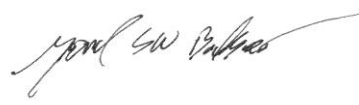
Sincerely,



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